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In re Application of

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Cysteine Protease-1

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Examiner: David Steadman

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED DECEMBER 19, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2002, in the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Instructions to amend the Specification, and replacement or added paragraphs in clean form pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b), and a clean version of the rewritten, added, and/or cancelled claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(i) are included beginning on page 2 of this communication.

A marked-up version of the Specification's replacement paragraphs pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b), as well as rewritten, added, and/or cancelled claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(ii) is attached as Appendix I. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(3) as they would appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II. None of the amendments to the Claims

GC381 Response & Amendment

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